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**SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS URGES RESIDENTS TO
SIGN A CRENSHAW-TO-LAX PETITION**

Crenshaw District residents, business owners and all those with a stake in seeing that the new Crenshaw-to-LAX light rail line will be a first-rate project now has an opportunity to let the Metropolitan Transportation Authority hear their voice.

A petition urging Metro to include important design features that will enhance the commuting experience for all County residents is now in wide circulation. It calls for two critical developments: a station stop in Leimert Park Village and undergrounding the segment of light rail that will along Crenshaw run from 48th to 59th streets.

More than 1,000 people already have signed the petition, and Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas encourages everyone who is able to join the movement. The goal is to present thousands of signatures to the Metro board before its meeting at 9 a.m. on May 26.

“Let Metro know that running a train down the middle of the street in Park Mesa Heights is unacceptable and that a station in Leimert Park Village is a must,” the Supervisor said. “Each signature sends a message. The petition conveys the unity of the region's concerned citizens and their insistence that the Metro Board to vote yes for safety, financial opportunity, and the community’s future growth.”

For generations, the South Los Angeles community has seen transportation-related construction bisect and scar our neighborhoods, hindering business and destroying property values. Seeking a station stop in Leimert Park Village, the cultural and

business heart of the corridor, is seeking neither a favor nor an advantage. It is a just return for years of sacrifice by communities that are still waiting to see the economic benefits of millions of taxpayer-funded rail projects.

The petition can be accessed on the supervisor's website:
<http://ridley-thomas.lacounty.gov/Transportation/?p=126>

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